Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for producing a print article comprising at least one printed product wire-stitched along an outside folded edge with pre-formed wire sections pointing toward an inside folded edge, said apparatus comprising:

a first conveying section of a conveying track having:

a saddle-shaped support for conveying the printed product, said printed product straddling the saddle-shaped support; and

a wire-stitching section for wire-stitching the printed product;

a second conveying section of the conveying track having a saddle-shaped support conveying a protective signature; ~~and~~

a feeder to feed the protective signature onto an extension region of the second conveying section;

~~a circulating~~ an endless intermediate conveyor positioned near the end of the first conveying section and in alignment with the second conveying section, the intermediate conveyor picking up the printed product from the first conveying section in a removal region of the first conveying section and transporting and depositing the printed product in an opened state onto the protective signature conveyed by the second conveying section; and

an adhesive applicator positioned in the extension region of the second conveying section of the conveying track, upstream in a conveying direction of a delivery region where the printed product is deposited to the second conveying section from the intermediate conveyor, wherein

the adhesive applicator is operative to apply an adhesive to an outside folded edge of the protective signature; and wherein the feeder is positioned upstream of the adhesive applicator.

Claims 11-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim ~~12~~ 10, wherein the feeder is a fold feeder.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the intermediate conveyor further comprises an endless traction mechanism and grippers attached to the endless traction mechanism at regular intervals; to, wherein the intermediate conveyor is a time-controlled transporter and the grippers are controllable grippers having opened and closed positions.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the removal region of the first conveying section of the conveying track is operationally connected to a delivery region of the second conveying section where the printed product is deposited to the second conveying section from the intermediate conveyor .

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the intermediate conveyor includes:

an ascending section positioned downstream from the removal region of the first

conveying section; and

a descending section oriented in a direction toward the delivery region.

17 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the delivery region of the intermediate conveyor follows the descending section of the intermediate conveyor, and wherein the delivery region of the intermediate conveyor extends approximately in parallel to the delivery region of the second conveying section.

18 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein at least the intermediate conveyor and the second conveying section of the conveying track are driven by a torque-controlled motor.

19 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the protective signature comprises a poster.